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FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA — DESIGNATION FORM to be used by counsel to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to appropriate calendar.

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Regina Shaw 521 Summerhill Lane Harleysville, PA 19738 Plaintiff, CIVIL ACTION NO: v. Stryker, Inc.

77 Great Valley Parkway

Malvern, PA

Defendant. **Jury Trial Demanded**

COMPLAINT Jurisdiction and Venue

- 1. Plaintiff bring these claims under Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act (42 U. S.C.A. Sec. 2000(e) et seq.) the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, 43 P. S. Ann. Section 951 et seq.. Venue is proper in this district as defendants can be found in this district and the events giving rise to the claims occurred in this district.
- 2. Regina Shaw ("Shaw") is a female citizen of Pennsylvania who resides at 521 Summerhill Lane, Harleysville, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania 19738.
- 3. Defendant Stryker, Inc., ("Stryker") is a Michigan corporation having a registered address for service with the Pennsylvania Corporations Bureau at C T Corporation System, 116 Pine Street, Suite 320, Harrisburg PA 17101 and a principle place of business at 77 Great Valley Parkway, Malvern, Chester County, PA 19355. On information and belief Stryker is also known as Stryker Orthobiologics.

PROTECTION FROM DISCRIMINATION AND RETALIATION

4. Plaintiff Shaw is protected from gender-based discrimination and harassment, and from retaliation for opposing unlawful discrimination and harassment, by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §2000e, *et seq.* and the PHRA, 43 P. S. Ann. § 951 et seq.

EXHAUSTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES

- 5. Shaw timely filed a charge alleging sexual harassment and retaliation for complaining of unlawful harassment with the EEOC, on or around March 21, 2014, Charge Number 530-2014-022502.
- 6. On or around November 24, 2014, the EEOC issued a Notice of Right to Sue, which date is fewer than 90 days prior to initiating this litigation.

FACTS

- 7. Shaw was employed as a technician working in the Malvern facility of Stryker from July 15, 2013 until on or about January 10, 2014. Her job title while working at Stryker was Manufacturing Representative.
- 8. Shaw was placed at the Malvern facility thru a placement agency known as Comrise, Inc. ("Comrise"). Comrise is not registered with the Pennsylvania Corporations Bureau to do business in Pennsylvania, but Stryker regularly engages it as a joint employer to place employees at Stryker's Pennsylvania facility, where their wages are paid through Comrise's payroll.
- 9. Shaw's employment was controlled in all relevant aspects by Stryker. Stryker controlled the hours and day to day activities of Shaw, supervised all employment activities, and employed her colleagues at work, but paid Shaw for her work through Comrise.

- 10. Stryker regularly hires Comrise employees who are placed at Stryker, who are said by Stryker and Comrise to be on a "temp to permanent" placement. Shaw was such an employee.
- 11. Shaw did her job well. In or around August 2013, Shaw met with the director of the Malvern facility, Marta Vukasovic, for a review, which led to a discussion of Shaw's permanent employment with Stryker. Vukasovik said Shaw was doing an excellent job.

 Vukasovik advised Shaw that permanent positions would be offered by Stryker in order of seniority to temporary employees. She said Shaw was "next in line" to become a permanent employee, and asked her to be patient.
- 12. Shaw was pleased to find employment locally, because she helps care for a grandchild with special needs. Based upon the assurances she received from Vukasovik, that she would be a permanent employee shortly, Ms. Shaw and her husband moved closer to the Malvern facility.
- 13. While she was working for Stryker, Shaw became the target of hostile and abusive ridicule by several male employees of Stryker, including Ryan Neary ("Neary"), a manufacturer's representative at Stryker. These employees made fun of her and other female employees, had loud discussions about which female employees they would have sex with, and bemoaned the lack of "hot" women at the facility.
- 14. In or around late September or early October, 2013, Shaw was properly in the break room with other employees. An employee shouted across the break room to Shaw, asking if she had been shopping in Walmart the previous weekend. They said that she had been seen there. At this point everyone in the break room was listening, and some had started laughing.

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- 15. Neary then showed Shaw a photo on his cell phone. The picture was of a very obese woman wearing a revealing purple satin dress or nightgown with spaghetti straps, onto which a picture of Shaw face had been photo-shopped.
- 16. Shaw was shocked, humiliated, and deeply offended. She told the men that she was very self-conscious. Neary and other male associates in the break room continued to laugh.
- 17. Shaw left the break room crying and was obviously upset when she encountered some of her female coworkers. They saw how upset she was and asked what had happened. Shaw briefly described the humiliating scene. Shaw's coworkers told Shaw that Neary had a history of harassing female workers and encouraged her to report his conduct.
- 18. Shaw reported the incident to her immediate supervisor, Eric Laflan. She told Laflan that she did not want anyone fired, but she wanted employees to understand that this sort of conduct was unacceptable. Laughlin reassured Shaw that she had done the right thing to report Neary's conduct and that management would take the report seriously. He instructed Shaw to stay away from Neary and said he would "take care of it."
- 19. Approximately two weeks later, Neary pursued Shaw throughout the facility. He first telephoned Shaw in the warehouse, demanding that she come speak to him in another building. Shaw refused and told Neary to leave her alone. Neary replied that he would come to Shaw's work location to speak to her.
- 20. Shaw did not know what to do, as she had been instructed to stay away from Neary, so she looked for a supervisor. When she could not find a supervisor, she went to the lead technician, Mike Filben, who was a group leader and the "next in command" under to

to speak to him. Shaw was trying to follow her supervisor's injunction to "stay away" from Neary.

- 21. Neary came into the building. Filbin, who was sitting near the entrance, told Neary to stay away from Shaw and told him to leave Shaw alone. Neary instead went into the room where Shaw was seated, working with an engineer, Michael O'Hara. Neary demanded that Shaw speak to him alone. By this time, Shaw was crying, having been told that she was to avoid Neary.
- 22. In an effort to diffuse the situation, Shaw went into the hall to speak with Neary. O'Hara left the door open, having been told by Shaw that she was concerned about interacting with Neary. Neary grudgingly apologized weeks after the event and then angrily demanded why Shaw had reported his conduct, saying he was going to lose his job. Shaw said it was out of her hands.
- 23. A few days later, Vukasovic told Shaw that Tara Derivan, a Stryker Human Resources employee, wanted to speak with her about Neary. Vukasovic reassured Shaw that she had done the right thing to report Neary's conduct, and said that Neary "has a history." Both Derivan and Vukasovic said that everyone involved would be interviewed.
- 24. As requested, Shaw met with Stryker HR representative Derivan in Malvern. Shaw described the incident in the break room.
- 25. Derivan was dismissive of Shaw's complaint. She asked Shaw why she had not simply confronted Neary herself, why she had involved "a lot of people" and "bothered HR." Shaw protested that Neary had involved other people and she had only spoken to her supervisor about the incident, which took place in a crowded room.

- 26. A reasonable woman in Shaw's position would find Neary's conduct above described offensive and hostile. Shaw did in fact experience Neary's conduct as offensive and hostile.
 - 27. Neary's employment was thereafter terminated.
- 28. On information and belief, this was not the first time Stryker had received reports of unlawful gender-based harassment by Neary, but Stryker had failed to take adequate steps to assure that his discriminatory conduct ceased.
- 29. Shaw continued to do an excellent job. She was part of a team which was commended for excellence in their performance. She received a seven hundred and fifty dollar bonus for her contribution to that excellent work.
 - 30. Despite excellent performance, Shaw was not hired as a permanent employee.
- 31. By contrast, other temporary employees, with less experience and less tenure, were made permanent during this same period, and Stryker was advertising for full time employees for direct hire.
- 32. On or about January 10, 2014, Shaw was advised by a Comrise representative that Stryker said there was no more work for Shaw at Stryker. Shaw was told this on the same day that her team was given an award for successful performance. On information and belief, Stryker continued to use other Comrise workers, including workers with less experience, fewer skills, and lower abilities, and Stryker hired the Comrise temp who was next in seniority, Christopher Brown.
- 33. Comrise advised Shaw that they had no other placement opportunities for Shaw, outside of the Stryker opportunity.

- 34. When she found out that Brown was being hired, Shaw asked Laflin why she had not been offered a permanent position. Laflin said it was because of the Neary situation. He said that Shaw should not have discussed the situation with others, that she had brought "too many people into the situation" and should have kept it to herself. He also said that she was not interested in other aspects of the business, when in fact he had given her a tour of the other activities at the facility at her request.
- 35. Shaw had *not* brought others into the situation. She had properly reported the events to Laflin, who had apparently told the Facility Director. Neary made others aware of the situation by hounding her throughout the facility after being told to leave Shaw alone.
- 36. On information and belief, Stryker thereafter hired both permanent and temporary employees with similar or less qualification than Shaw.
- 37. Shaw was denied the opportunity to continue her placement at Stryker and denied the opportunity for a permanent position with Stryker in retaliation for reporting Neary's misconduct.
- 38. As a permanent, full-time employee of Stryker, Shaw would have been eligible to accrue vacation and sick time and would have received retirement benefits, disability benefits, stock options, health insurance, and similar benefits. She would have opportunities for promotion and job growth.
- 39. As a result of the acts above-alleged, Shaw has suffered emotional distress including sleeplessness, anxiety, and humiliation.
- 40. As a result of the acts above-alleged, Shaw has suffered financial harm including lost wages, lost benefits, and lost employment opportunities.

COUNT I VIOLATION OF TITLE VII (Hostile Work Environment - Gender)

- 41. Plaintiff incorporates herein by this reference the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.
- 42. Defendants Stryker, Inc. was on notice of a hostile work environment at the Malvern facility, tainted by unlawful gender discrimination, harassment, and bias, and failed to take reasonable steps to put a halt to such unlawful activity.

Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for the following relief:

- a) Judgment in favor of Plaintiff and against Defendant Stryker, Inc for compensatory damages under Title VII according to proof;
- b) Order Defendant to compensate Plaintiff for the full economic value of compensation and benefits she would have received had her rights not been violated, with interest thereon;
 - c) Order Defendant to offer full time employment to Plaintiff;
- d) Enter a permanent injunction enjoining defendant from continuing to retaliate in violation of Title VII;
- e) Order Defendant to pay Plaintiff the costs and expenses of this litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees; and
- f) Grant such further legal and equitable relief, as the Court may deem just and proper.

COUNT II VIOLATION OF TITLE VII (Retaliation for Good Faith Report of Gender Discrimination)

- 43. Plaintiff incorporates herein by this reference the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.
- 44. Plaintiff reasonably and in good faith believed she was the victim of gender-based harassment and discrimination, which she properly reported to her immediate supervisor.
- 45. Stryker's termination of Plaintiff's temporary placement, and failure to make Plaintiff's employment permanent, was motivated in whole or in part by retaliatory animus for her reporting gender-based discrimination in the workplace.

Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for the following relief:

- a) Judgment in favor of Plaintiff and against Defendant Stryker, Inc for compensatory damages under Title VII according to proof;
- b) Order Defendant to compensate Plaintiff for the full economic value of compensation and benefits she would have received had her rights not been violated, with interest thereon;
 - c) Order Defendant to offer full time employment to Plaintiff;
- d) Enter a permanent injunction enjoining defendant from continuing to retaliate in violation of Title VII;
- e) Order Defendant to pay Plaintiff the costs and expenses of this litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees; and
- f) Grant such further legal and equitable relief, as the Court may deem just and proper.

COUNT III VIOLATION OF PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS ACT (Retaliation for Good Faith Report of Gender Discrimination)

- 46. Plaintiff incorporates herein by this reference the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.
- 47. Defendant's retaliatory conduct described above is a violation of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, 43 Pa. C. S. A. § 951.

Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for the following relief:

- a) Judgment in favor of Plaintiff and against Defendant for compensatory damages under the PHRA according to proof;
- b) Order Defendant to compensate Plaintiff for the full economic value of compensation and benefits she would have received had her rights not been violated, with interest thereon;
 - c) Order Defendant to reinstate Plaintiff's employment;
- d) Enter a permanent injunction enjoining Defendant from continuing to discriminate in violation of the PHRA;
- e) Order Defendant to pay Plaintiff the costs and expenses of this litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees; and
- f) Grant such further legal and equitable relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

COUNT III VIOLATION OF PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS ACT (Gender Discrimination)

48. Plaintiff incorporates herein by this reference the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

49. Defendant's discriminatory conduct described above is a violation of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, 43 Pa. C. S. A. § 951.

Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for the following relief:

- a) Judgment in favor of Plaintiff and against Defendant for compensatory damages under the PHRA according to proof;
- b) Order Defendant to compensate Plaintiff for the full economic value of compensation and benefits she would have received had her rights not been violated, with interest thereon;
 - c) Order Defendant to reinstate Plaintiff's employment;
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- e) Order Defendant to pay Plaintiff the costs and expenses of this litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees; and
- f) Grant such further legal and equitable relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

JURY TRIAL DEMAND

50. Plaintiff demands trial by jury on all counts complained of herein for which such relief is available.

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